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Chris VanSlooten, principal of Rehoboth Christian High School, announced today that Glenn Ratmeyer has been named a Commended Student by the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although Glenn will not continue in the 2016 competition for National Merit Awards, Commended Students are placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2016 competition by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Ratmeyer has attended Rehoboth Christian School since Kindergarten. He lives in Gallup, NM and is son of Dr. John and Liliana Ratmeyer.

Glenn is a young man of many talents outside of the classroom, as well. While a student at Rehoboth, Glenn has participated in band, sings in the choir, and plays soccer and tennis. He has taken piano lessons independently for the past 12 years. He is also the current president of the Rehoboth chapter of the National Honor Society.

Glenn is a passionate person with gifts in leading and working hard. Rehoboth has helped him to

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embrace his strengths by giving him many opportunities in which he was challenged to think critically and apply himself.

Glenn is undecided on where he will attend college as he awaits hearing from colleges regarding

scholarship options. He plans to major in Biology and follow the Pre-Med track with the hopes of becoming a Pediatrician.

He feels led to pursue this degree, not only because of the ways he has seen careers in medicine change those in his family but because he feels practicing medicine is a tangible way of directly helping others.

"I want to live my life being a blessing to others, and not as a pursuit of making money or being famous, Ratameyer said. "I see medicine as a perfect catalyst for helping me to discover even more ways to help others."

Last year, Rehoboth Christian School was selected as one of the 50 Best Christian High Schools in America based on factors including academic excellence, extracurricular richness, geographical and demographical diversity, and reputation.

Known for its academic excellence, Rehoboth Christian School consistently prepares students to be leaders in their professions, communities, and churches.

Over the past decade, Rehoboth has consistently produced a number of winners of the prestigious Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship, including a National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC)